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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

## Assembly Concurrent Resolution

**No. 67**

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### Introduced by Assembly Member Furutani

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 67—Relative to Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders communities.

#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 67, as amended, Furutani. Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders communities.

This resolution would recognize the contributions of Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander communities to California, and would also recognize the importance of preserving Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander communities and their traditions.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Making up more than 284,000 community  
2 members, the Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (NHPI)  
3 community in California has one of the largest NHPI populations  
4 in the United States. In addition, the NHPI population increased  
5 by 23.4 percent between 2000 and 2010; and

6 WHEREAS, The NHPI community makes up an incredibly  
7 diverse group comprised of a number of different ethnicities  
8 including, but not limited to, Guamanian/Chamorro, Native  
9 Hawaiian, Marshallese, Fijian, Samoan, and Tongan. Outside of  
10 Hawaii, California has the largest population of Native Hawaiians  
11 numbering 60,048. The second largest NHPI group is Samoan  
12 with a population of 49,804. Guamanian/Chamorro is the next  
13 largest NHPI group in California with a population of 33,849. The  
14 largest Tongan population in the United States is also found in  
15 California with a population of 15,252; and

16 WHEREAS, As a result of the Spanish-American War in 1898,  
17 the overthrow of the Kingdom of Hawaii in 1893, and the  
18 German-American conflict in Samoa in 1899, the United States  
19 came to assume formal government control of Guam, Hawaii, and  
20 American Samoa. Because of this, the Chamorros of Guam, the  
21 Hawaiians of Hawaii, and the Samoans of American Samoa became  
22 part of the United States. Most Pacific Islander migrants were men  
23 enlisted in the United States Armed Forces, and others worked in  
24 various plantation and entertainment industries. Today, Pacific  
25 Islanders are American citizens or American nationals; and

26 WHEREAS, An influx of NHPIs arrived in California in the  
27 1950s after World War II. Post World War II, military service  
28 brought Pacific Islanders from the United States territories of  
29 American Samoa and Guam to California. Native Hawaiians and  
30 Tongans came to California seeking economic opportunities, with  
31 many Tongans migrating to California via American Samoa.  
32 Mormon church activities also brought Tongan students and other  
33 NHPI immigrants to California. Many NHPIs initially settled in  
34 southern California cities such as Carson, Los Angeles, Long  
35 Beach, Oceanside, and San Diego, while others settled in San  
36 Francisco. Most NHPI Californians today reside in the greater  
37 Sacramento, San Francisco, and Los Angeles areas; and

38 WHEREAS, The 2010 Census Bureau data shows that NHPIs  
39 are continuing to become a growing part of our nation's economy.  
40 Between 2002 and 2007, NHPI-owned businesses saw a 31-percent

1 growth in number, while United States businesses overall increased  
2 in number only 18 percent. NHPI-owned businesses also saw a  
3 52-percent increase in revenue, while total business receipts for  
4 United States businesses increased only 33 percent. Data show  
5 that about 56 percent of all Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific  
6 Islander businesses were owned by people of Native Hawaiian  
7 origin in 2007; Guamanian-owned or Chamorro-owned businesses  
8 accounted for 10 percent, Samoan-owned businesses accounted  
9 for 8 percent, and businesses owned by people of Other Pacific  
10 Islander descent accounted for 25 percent; and

11 WHEREAS, The NHPI community faces unique challenges as  
12 a result of its distinct history and community experience. As a  
13 result, the NHPI community organized and helped institute an  
14 update to the federal Office of Management and Budget's  
15 Statistical Policy Directive No. 15 in 1997 to establish a specific  
16 Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander category relative to the  
17 collection of data; and

18 WHEREAS, While NHPIs represent diverse ethnic, religious,  
19 and political backgrounds, they all also share similar cultural values  
20 and norms. These values include a respect and deference for elders,  
21 appreciation for reciprocal labor and time, and an understanding  
22 of communal and intergenerational authority; and

23 WHEREAS, Preserving our Native Hawaiian and Pacific  
24 Islander communities throughout California is critical to our state  
25 history and for the preservation of Native Hawaiian and Pacific  
26 Islander culture, history, traditions, and other elements of their  
27 heritage; now, therefore, be it

28 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
29 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes the role that  
30 Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders have played in the social,  
31 economic, and political development of California throughout the  
32 state's history; and be it further

33 *Resolved*, That the Legislature encourages all federal, state, and  
34 local organizations to promote the preservation of Native Hawaiian  
35 and Pacific Islander history and culture, including the preservation  
36 of Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander communities; and be it  
37 further

- 1     *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
- 2     of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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